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COLD WAR: IRON CURTAIN

*Watch the video and answer the following questions.*

1. How did the American soldiers' experience on returning from WWII compare with that of Soviet soldiers' experience?
2. According to eyewitnesses, how did the Soviet soldiers treat the Berliners?
3. What happened to Germany and its capital Berlin as a result of having lost the war?
4. What changes were made to the boundaries of Germany and Poland?
5. Consider the casualty figures for the war and make inferences about the following questions: How might the fact that the Soviet Union lost 27 million people affect its policies following the war? What would you expect the Soviet Union to want after the war? How might these needs compare with those of the United States following the war?
6. Why did Great Britain intervene in the Greek civil war?
7. What was the relationship between the Soviet Union and the countries it occupied along its western border?
8. According to the video, what were Stalin's fears in the years immediately following the war? Based on eyewitness reports, how did Stalin act on those fears?
9. What was the condition of Poland immediately following the war?
10. What was the relationship between Poland and the Soviet Union after the war?
11. According to the video, what were the various interpretations of Stalin's Bolshoi Theater speech in 1946?
12. Who was George Kennan and what was his perspective on Soviet intentions? On what did he base his recommendations for a U.S. response?
13. According to Robert Tucker, what was the Soviet response to the "Iron Curtain" speech?
14. Locate Turkey, the Dardanelles and the Bosporus. Why were the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union interested in this territory?
15. Why did a conflict arise in Turkey?
16. According to the video, what effect did the Soviet actions have on Truman and the American government? How did that response translate into action?
17. When meeting at the Paris Conference in July of 1946, on what points did Molotov and Byrnes disagree in regard to Germany?
18. How do eyewitnesses describe life in the Soviet Union immediately after the war?
19. What do students think General Lucius Clay meant when he said, "There is no choice between being a communist on 1,500 calories a day and a believer in democracy on a thousand"?
20. Why did Great Britain withdraw aid from Greece and Turkey? How did the U.S. respond?